CLAIMS

1. A product for determining empathy, comprising:

a plurality of questions and wherein a first participant is permitted to provide a first set of answers to at least some of the plurality of questions and wherein the first participant is also permitted to provide a second set of answers to said at least some of the plurality of questions attempting to anticipate how a second participant will answer each of said at least some of the plurality of questions and wherein the second participant is permitted to provide a third set of answers to said at least some of the plurality of questions and wherein the second participant is also permitted to provide a fourth set of answers to said at least some of the plurality of questions attempting to anticipate how the first participant will answer each question.

2. The product of claim 1 including means for comparing at least two of the sets of answers to establish a level of empathy appertaining to said first participant and said second participant.

3. A system for determining empathy, comprising:

(a) an operating software wherein said operating
software is adapted to generate a plurality of
questions and wherein a first participant is permitted
to provide a first set of answers to at least some of
the plurality of questions indicating the first
participant's views and wherein the first participant
is also permitted to provide a second set of answers to
at least some of the plurality of questions attempting
to anticipate how a second participant will answer each
question and wherein the second participant is
permitted to provide a third set of answers to at least
some of the plurality of questions indicating the
second participant's views and wherein the second
participant is also permitted to provide a fourth set
of answers to at least some of the plurality of
questions attempting to anticipate how the first
participant will answer each question;

(b) means for said first participant to access said
operating software sufficient to answer said questions;

(c) means for said second participant to access said operating software sufficient to answer said questions; and

(d) means for comparing at least two of the sets of answers to establish a level of empathy appertaining to said first participant and said second participant.

4. The system of claim 3 wherein the first set of answers is compared with the fourth set of answers to generate an empathy index that the second participant has for the first participant.

5. The system of claim 4 wherein each question includes a range of answers and a value that is assigned to any selection that is made within the range of answers, and wherein an absolute value of the difference between the selection provided to each question in the first set of answers and the fourth set of answers is calculated and is used to generate an empathy index for that question, and wherein a low absolute value is indicative of a high level of empathy that the second participant has for the first participant.

6. The system of claim 3 wherein the second set of answers is compared with the third set of answers to generate an empathy index that the first participant has for the second participant.

7. The system of claim 6 wherein each question includes a range of answers and a value that is assigned to any selection that is made within the range of answers, and wherein an absolute value of the difference between the selection provided to each question in the second set of answers and the third set of answers is calculated and is used to generate an empathy index for that question, and wherein a low absolute value is indicative of a high level of empathy that the first participant has for the second participant.

8. The system of claim 3 wherein the first set of answers is compared with the fourth set of answers to generate an empathy index that the second participant has for the first participant and wherein each question includes a range of answers and a value that is assigned to any selection that

is made within the range of answers, and wherein an absolute value of the difference between the selection provided to each question in the first set of answers and the fourth set of answers is calculated and is used to generate an empathy index for that question, and wherein a low absolute value is indicative of a high level of empathy that the second participant has for the first participant and wherein the second set of answers is compared with the third set of answers to generate a first empathy index that the first participant has for the second participant and wherein each question includes a range of answers and a value that is assigned to any selection that is made within the range of answers, and wherein an absolute value of the difference between the selection provided to each question in the second set of answers and the third set of answers is calculated and is used to generate a second empathy index for that question, and wherein a low absolute value is indicative of a high level of empathy that the first participant has for the second participant and wherein the first empathy index and the second empathy index is made available to the first and second participants as an output of the system.

9. The system of claim 8 including an average of the first empathy indices for a grouping of certain of the plurality of questions as a first additional output and including an average of the second empathy indices for a grouping of certain of the plurality of questions as a second additional output.

10. The system of claim 8 including an overall average of all of the first empathy indices and including an overall average of all of the second empathy indices.

11. The system of claim 3 wherein said operating software is disposed in a server, said server being accessible by an area network.

12. The system of claim 11 wherein the area network includes an Internet.

13. The system of claim 3 wherein said operating software is adapted to detect a potential condition and to provide a

warning to either of the participants subsequent to the
detection of said potential condition.

14. The system of claim 13 wherein the warning includes an
urging for either of the participant to seek professional
help regarding a particular answer that was provided by at
least one of the participants.

15. The system of claim 3 wherein said operating system is
adapted to be disposed in a personal computer.

16. The system of claim 3 wherein said operating software is
adapted to retain said answers.

17. The system of claim 3 wherein access is provided to said
participants subsequent to the payment of a fee.

18. The system of claim 17 wherein said access is provided
for a limited period of time.

19. The system of claim 3 wherein said answers are adapted to be changed by said first participant until said first participant elects to finalize their answers and wherein said answers are adapted to be changed by said second participant until said second participant elects to finalize their answers.

20. The system of claim 19 wherein said output is made available to said first participant and to said second participant for a predetermined period of time subsequent to said first participant and said second participant having both finalized their answers.

21. The system of claim 10 wherein said overall average of all of the first empathy indices and said overall average of all of the second empathy indices are added and divided by two so as to provide a partnership empathy index.

22. The system of claim 2 wherein a third party includes means for referring a customer of theirs to subscribe to said system.

23. The system of claim 22 including means for tracking said third party and wherein subsequent to said customer making a payment to use said system, said third party shall receive a portion of said payment for providing said referral.

24. A method for determining empathy, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a plurality of questions;

(b) having a first participant provide a first set of answers to said at least some of the plurality of questions;

(c) having the first participant provide a second set of answers to said at least some of the plurality of questions attempting to anticipate how a second participant will answer each of said at least some of the plurality of questions;

(d) having the second participant provide a third set of answers to said at least some of the plurality of questions; and

(e) having the second participant provide a fourth set of answers to said at least some of the plurality of questions attempting to anticipate how the first participant will answer each question.

25. The method of claim 24 including the step of comparing at least two of the sets of answers to establish a level of empathy appertaining to said first participant and said second participant.

26. The method of claim 24 including the step of providing said plurality of questions in a book form.

27. The method of claim 24 including the step of providing means for a third party to refer a customer of theirs to subscribe to said method.

28. The method of claim 27 including the step of providing means for tracking said third party and wherein subsequent to said customer making a payment to use said method, providing said third party with a portion of said payment for making said referral.

29. A method for determining empathy, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing an operating software wherein said operating software is adapted to generate a plurality of questions and wherein a first participant is permitted to provide a first set of answers to at least some of the plurality of questions indicating the first participant's views and wherein the first participant is also permitted to provide a second set of answers to at least some of the plurality of questions attempting to anticipate how a second participant will answer each question and wherein the second participant is permitted to provide a third set of answers to at least some of the plurality of questions indicating the second participant's views and wherein the second participant is also permitted to provide a fourth set of answers to at least some of the plurality of

questions attempting to anticipate how the first participant will answer each question;

(b) providing means for said first participant to access said operating software sufficient to answer said questions;

(c) providing means for said second participant to access said operating software sufficient to answer said questions; and

(d) comparing at least two of the sets of answers to establish a level of empathy appertaining to said first participant and said second participant.

30. The method of claim 29 including the step of providing access to said operating software over an Internet.

31. The method of claim 29 including the step of providing access to said operating software over a media that is adapted for entry into a computer.

32. The method of claim 29 including the step of providing access to said operating software over a media that is adapted for entry into a personal computer.